P. 82  “But no. In a burst of light Methuselah opened his wings and fluttered like freedom itself, lifting himself to the top of our Kentucky Wonder vines and the highest boughs of the jungle that will surely take back everything once we are gone.”

I am glad that the parrot finally got his freedom, but I worry that he will not know how to survive in the jungle considering how long humans have been taking care of his needs. I hope he is ok. Also, I wonder if the Price family will be able to survive the Congo because like Methuselah, they are very unfamiliar with the environment.

P. 102-03  “There is something else I must confess about Tata Boanda: he’s a sinner. Right in the plain sight of God he has two wives, a young and an old one. Why, they all come to church! … Father says we’re to pray for all three of them, but when you get down to the particulars it’s hard to know exactly what outcome to pray for. He should drop one wife, I guess, but for sure he’d drop the older one, and she already looks sad enough as it is. The younger has all the kids, and you just can’t pray for a daddy to flat-out dump his babies, can you? I always believed any sin was easily rectified if only you let Jesus into your heart, but here it gets complicated.”

Once again, Leah shows an understanding of the complexities of cultures (although she may not realize she has this understanding). She also shows great empathy for both of the wives and does not quite know what to do in this situation. I really like Leah.

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